

Milford Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes September 11, 2014

7:00pm Town Hall Banquet Hall

Present: Members - Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Becky Lorette, Janet Urquhart. Excused: Andy Hughes, Andy Seale, Kim Rimalover. Alternate Members – GBoggis, Eric Radloff, Chris Costantino. Excused: Rodney Dellafelice. Guests: Shane Csiki and Nik Miller; Robin Lunn and Shayna Appel; Nathan Chamberlain; members of the public.

Approval of August meeting minutes The minutes for August were unanimously approved on a motion by BLorette, seconded by JUrquhart.

Appointment

7:15 Fluvial Geomorphology presentation. Shane Csiki from the NH Geological Survey and Nik Miller from an engineering firm in Maine presented their findings of a Fluvial Erosion Hazard study of the Souhegan River. There were several members of the public present to hear the presentation. The presentation was recorded. The commission was given a copy of the power point presentation. George May, chair of the Souhegan River Watershed Association suggested that the commission place name signs at each location where the road crosses a brook.

8:15 Robin Lunn Jennison Rd special exception. Robin Lunn and Shayna Appel presented their application to impact 1049 sqft of wetland buffer. This will require a special exception from the ZBA. The commission discussed the project asking about:

1. Snow storage – no change from current snow maintenance on the house lot
2. Landscaping – they will use native plants and wetland conservation mix where appropriate; setting aside and reestablishing the top soil when done. They will use native rock in the “retaining wall”.
3. Lack of engineering details for quality/quantity assessment. The applicants feel that they will do no/little damage since they are vested in preserving the wetland functionality. An engineered plan is no guarantee that there will be a good result.
4. BLorette made a motion, seconded by GBoggis that, subject to any changes resulting from a site visit to be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 5:00pm, the commission recommend that the ZBA grant the applicant’s request for a special exception.

Suzanne Fournier stated her disapproval of the project.

8:45 San-Ken BoyntonHill presentation – Nathan Chamberlain from Fieldstone presented a brief description of the proposed subdivision. He wanted to address the concerns about the project that the commission had submitted in the Interdepartmental Review.

1. He explained, but not to the commission’s satisfaction, about the open space allotments. One of the larger lots in the proposed subdivision will have a significant open space easement on it, but ownership will be retained by the landowner, not the subdivision homeowners association or the commission.
2. There will be 3 roadway and 3 driveway impacts of about 4300 sqft of wetland impact. No buffer impacts have been calculated as yet.
3. Test pits will be done week of Sept 15.
4. Stormwater management on the steep slopes – he did not have an answer for this. He made note that this area is the headwaters of Great Brook.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. 4 th Saturday hike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 23 - Mile Slip Steve Erdody led 20+ hikers and 3 dogs in a large loop trail of the property • September 27 – Tucker Brook TF 	Chris C will contact Dan Reed to arrange a public viewing of the timber harvest operation which might be underway.
2. Hitchiner Gates	Locks – did not discuss. It will be on the October agenda if not resolved sooner.	
3. Tucker Brook Town Forest Timber Harvest	Postcards were sent out to the abutters. We have been asked by 2 abutters to be notified by email.	
4. Brox NRI	AFraizer has been in contact with Forest Bell; and met with 2 biologists from the company. They walked the Brox wetland areas. There will be a proposal on Friday, September 19	.
5. Trails Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Hawkins sent a letter to the high school seeking students who need volunteer work • Mike Sebas said he heard a scout may be interested in doing some work on mountain biking trails on Mile Slip. • Brian Hawkins said he would look to clear a path with his lawnmower at Rotch Property. 	
6. Forest Community Workshop	GBoggis attended – this was not discussed. It will be on the October agenda.	
7. Future work sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warrant article discussion scheduled for September 25 at 6:30 	CCostantino will send reminder email
8. Upcoming Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 20 Fall Family Festival – Zombie Orienteering • October 10-12 Pumpkin Festival • Oct 18 SV Chamber of Commerce • October 24-26 Ghost Train Rail Trail Race • November 1 NHACC annual conference - Laconia 	

Next Regular Meeting – September 11, 2014 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.